

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application Serial No. Not Yet Assigned
 Filing Date December 7, 2001
 Inventor Joachim Schroeder et al.
 Assignee Carl-Zeiss-Stiftung trading as Carl Zeiss
 Group Art Unit Unknown
 Examiner Unknown
 Attorney's Docket No. LO25-009
 Title: System For Flushing At Least One Internal Space Of An Objective

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

To: Box Patent Application
 Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

From: George G. Grigel (Tel. 509-624-4276; Fax 509-838-3424)
 Wells, St. John, Roberts, Gregory & Matkin P.S.
 601 W. First Avenue, Suite 1300
 Spokane, WA 99201-3828

AMENDMENTSIn the Specification

Please add the following material after the title at page 1:

--RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application relates to and claims priority to corresponding German Patent Application No. 100 61 480.9 filed on December 12, 2000, and German Patent Application No. 101 45 075.3 filed on September 13, 2001.--

In the Claims

No amendments in the claims.

REMARKS

This amendment is made to indicate relationship of prior applications.
Examination and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated:

Dec 7, 2001

By:

George G. Grigel
Reg. No. 31,166